learned by MSEB that some individuals of the said firm joined the firm of Andersen Legal India.

Providing jobs to dependants on compassionate grounds in Thermal Power Stations

†1124. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of dependants provided jobs on compassionate grounds in Chanderpura Thermal Power Station, Bokaro Thermal Power Station and other plants under the Damodar Valley Corporation during the last three years and current year;

(b) the number of persons died in harness in such power stations and other departments during the last three years and current year;

(c) the effective steps taken by the management to provide jobs to the dependants of such employees; and

(d) the number of such cases pending with management and Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) During last three years including the current year the total number of dependants of deceased employees given employment on compassionate ground at Bokaro Thermal Power Station (BPS) is 38. No such employment has been given at Chanderpura Thermal Power Station (CTPS). In other projects, 17 persons have been given employment during the said period.

(b) During the above period, number of employees died in harness at BTPS is 18 and at CTPS is 17. The total number of employees expired during the period in other projects is 108.

(c) As per existing policy of the Corporation, 25% of regular vacancies in Group 'D' posts caused due to reitrement/death/ promotion has been reserved for appointment on compassionate ground. In addition to the above, appointment in Group 'C' posts is

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

also considered for the widow/ward of deceased employees, if they fulfil the requisite qualification/experience for the post, subject to their successful completion to tests/interviews.

(d) There are 648 persons in panel including the cases of CTPS and BTPS for compassionate appointment in Group 'C' and 'D' categories with the management of Damodar Valley Corporation.

Educating people about power sector reforms

1125. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what the Ministry is going to educate the people with regard to power sector reforms in the country;

(b) whether the Ministry is taking help of NGOs and other organizations in this regard; and

(c) how the Ministry is co-ordinating with the SEBs in regard to educating people about power reforms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI METHA): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Power has conceived a plan for increasing public awareness about problems and integrated solutions relating to power sector. As a part of this exercise a countrywide "Awareness Campaign" was launched on 15th October, 2001. During the period from 15th October to end December, 2001, a total number of 2085 Road Shows were organized throughout the country involving public interactions between senior officers of power sector, opinion makers, students, general public and media in respect of power sector development including reforms. These Road Shows were conducted in consultation with the State Government and involvement of local officers of SEB/State utilities.

In addition, letters have been written to MPs, CMs, MLAs, employees associations and other opinion makers by Minister of Power. Meetings have also been organized with editors/columnists/ opinions makers/Chambers of Commerce, etc.